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【DAY 48】

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【GOBUKICHI】
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HEY GOBUKICHI,

SO I HEAR THAT YOU CAN HUNT HIND BEARS ALL ON YOUR OWN NOW?

MM, MMM! JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT OF MY NUMBER TWO!

KEEP THAT UP, AND YOUR NEXT RANK-UP WILL BE REAL SOON!

AH...

YOU BET!

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【DAY 49】

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WOW ...!
N-NO WAY! THAT FACE, THAT'S...!
H-HEY... IS THAT ...?
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GOBUKICHI -KUN...!!

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WOAH! YOU'RE REALLY RIPPED!!

MAAAN, YOU LOOK REALLY DIFFERENT!

What a shocker!

WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO RANK-UP, SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!

AND THUS,

GOBUKICHI EVOLVED INTO AN OGRE.

ALRIGHT, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOU SOME NEW ARMOR!

BUT FIRST, SOME UNDER-WEAR...

KICHI WASN'T A NORMAL OGRE, BUT A VARIANT.

HIS COPPER-RED SKIN IS DUE TO A BLESSING KNOWN AS THE [Demigod of Fire's Blessing]

WHICH HE PROBABLY RECEIVED BECAUSE HE ADORED HIS FIRE SPIRIT STONE STUDDED CRESCENT AXE AND THE [Decapitating Axe of Demonic Heat] HE ACQUIRED FROM VELVET'S TOMB SO VERY MUCH.

GO!

IBAA

AFTER TALKING TO KICHI AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT GOBLIN GRANDPA'S INPUT, WHAT I REALIZED WAS...

...WELL, HE CERTAINLY IS A RARE SPECIMEN...

THOUGH NOT AS EXCEPTIONAL AS YOU...

TWO DIFFERENT BLESSINGS, THAT'S PRETTY AWESOME, ISN'T IT?

MOREOVER, HE NOW BOASTED GLISTENING MUSCLES STAUNCH AS IRON.

AN INDICATION THAT HE ALSO RECEIVED [Demigod of War's Blessing] ...IT SEEMS.

PAAN

AND, JUST AS I WAS WONDERING HOW TO GO ABOUT MAKING NEW CLOTHES FOR HIM..

GOBUKICHI HAD GROWN A FOOT TALLER THAN EVEN ME.

...would be good?

Maybe something like that...

BUT NOW, THINGS WILL BE DIFFE-RENT ...!

ONCE AGAIN,

LET'S SPAR!!

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GOBU-ROU,

SINCE YOU BECAME AN OGRE, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MATCH UP TO YOU AT ALL...

I'VE BEEN CHASING AFTER YOU THIS WHOLE TIME.

AAH!

BRING IT ON!

DOOOOH!!!

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MAN

HUH

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TOO!

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GOBUKICHI WAS JUST TOO DAMN STRONG.

TRUTH BE TOLD,

BUT GOBUKICHI SEEMED TO SURPASS EVEN ME IN TERMS OF BRUTE STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE. JUST SLIGHTLY THOUGH...

I'M VARIANT MYSELF, AND THANKS TO MY [Absorption] ABILITY, I HAD CONFIDENCE IN PHYSICAL COMBAT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, GOBUKICHI FUNNELLED HIS POINTS TO AREAS THAT BOOST HIS BATTLE PROWESS. SIMPLY PUT, HE'S A SPECIALIST.

I'M AN ALL-ROUNDER AND ALLOCATED MY POINTS EVENLY ACROSS THE VARIOUS STATS.

Please allocate your points▽

Attack
Defense
Stamina
Speed
Magic

THE REASON FOR THAT LAY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR STAT POINTS.

HALT

STILL,

I WAS MORE SKILLED IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AND NARROWLY MANAGED TO PULL OUT A WIN.

GOBUKICHI-KUN IS MY RIVAL.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.

AT FIRST, I HAD THOUGHT OF GOBUKICHI AS LITTLE MORE THAN A DISPOSABLE PAWN. FOR HIM TO HAVE GROWN SO POWERFUL WAS FRANKLY FAR BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS.

HE HAS TRULY EARNED HIS POSITION AS MY RIGHT-HAND MAN. NOW, HE IS SOMEONE WHOM I CANNOT DO WITHOUT.

WA HA HA HA

GAH

NOW THAT HE IS ABLE TO GRIP IT IN ONE HAND, HE CAN ONCE AGAIN USE A SHIELD.

GASHA

WHEN HE WAS A HOBGOBLIN, THE [Decapitating Axe of Demonic Heat] WAS SO HEAVY THAT HE NEEDED BOTH ARMS TO WEILD IT.

AFTER OUR MATCH, IT WAS TIME TO CELEBRATE HIS RANK-UP WITH GIFTS.

A TOWER SHIELD WITH THE ABILITIES [Weight Reduction] [Impact Reflection] AND [Durable]

SO I GAVE HIM ANOTHER ITEM FROM VELVET'S TOMB: [Black Ogre's Chopping Board]

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Ogun

AFTER THAT, I MADE HIM A SET OF ARMOR USING HIND BEAR FUR AND STUFF FROM VELVET'S TOMB.

CLAD IN SUCH TRAPPINGS,

HE WAS A FEARSOME BEHEMOTH THAT NO ENEMY WOULD WANT TO FACE...

Wow!

...THE AWE THE SIGHT OF HIM INSPIRES ...

AS HE WAS TALLER THAN EVEN ME, IT IS EASY TO IMAGINE HOW HE MUST LOOK TO A REGULAR GOBLIN...

HEEEY, GOBUROU!

NOW...TO SEE HOW THE ELVES I CAPTURED YESTERDAY ARE DOING...

I SPENT THE REST OF THE DAY ATTENDING TO VARIOUS TASKS.

THE ELVES WERE... *UNCOOP-ERATIVE*... IS IT DUE TO THEIR PRIDE AS A 'HIGH RACE'?

OR IS IT BECAUSE THE INNATE LUST OF THEIR KIND IS LOW? PERHAPS BOTH...

THESE ELVES ARE PRETTY TOUGH BUGGERS!

YOU'RE RUINING THE MOOD FOR BOTH THEM AND ME.

...YOU REALLY ARE LIVELY, OLD MAN...

BREAKING DOWN THEIR WILL TO RESIST IS PRETTY DANG FUN.

UHE HE HE~

FUU...

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ANYWAY, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY COME ROUND

HM...?

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WHO THE

YOU'RE NOT GOBLIN GRANDPA.

...A FAVOR ...

THIS IS THE... PLEASE

SORR ...

THANK Y...

【DAY 50】

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.....NO, I HAVE THIS CREEPY INKLING THAT I WAS *MADE* NOT TO REMEMBER.

MY MEMORY GETS ALL FUZZY WHENEVER I TRY TO RECALL. HOWEVER HARD I TRY, I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.

IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL A "FLAG"?

I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN MOST OF THE DETAILS, BUT I GET THE FEELING IT WAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT LAST NIGHT? I FEEL LIKE I HAD A WEIRD DREAM...

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IF I DO REMEMBER SOMETHING, I'LL THINK ABOUT IT THEN.

OH WELL.

Piku

I SPARRED WITH GOBU-KICHI AGAIN,

PLAYED AROUND A BIT WITH GOBUMI-CHAN OUTDOORS,

BEYOND THAT, NOTHING ELSE HAS CHANGED.

TODAY WAS ANOTHER PEACEFUL, CAREFREE DAY.

Good Good

AND CHECKED UP ON THE SISTERS IN THE KITCHEN TO SEE HOW THEIR GOBLIN HELPERS WERE DOING.

THAT NIGHT, I HAD LOTS OF FUN AND FELL RIGHT TO SLEEP.

▷GOBUROU has obtained [■■■ of Kindred]!!

【DAY 51】

ROU...

GOBU-ROU...

GOBU-ROU!!

AS I HEADED TO THE MAIN CAVE, I WONDERED WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HAVE THEM WAKE ME SO INSISTENTLY.

TURNS OUT SOMETHING REALLY CRAZY DID HAPPEN!

AH, YOU'RE FINALLY UP!

SOMETHING CRAZY HAPPENED! YOU GOTTA COME LOOK!!

FIRST-LY,

THERE WERE FOUR NEW HOB-GOBLINS.

YOU'RE LATE!

I'VE ALREADY EVALUATED THEIR ABILITIES.

ONE OF THEM HAD THE MAKINGS OF A MAGE, BUT PUTTING THAT ASIDE...

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...I WAS MORE INTRIGUED BY ANOTHER, WHO DISPLAYED THE SKILLS OF A CLERIC.

THE NAME OF OUR NEW HOBGOBLIN CLERIC WAS GOBU-JI.

I'LL DO MY BEST TO HEAL ANYONE WHO'S INJURED!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF ME, ROU-NIISAN!

NII-SAN HUH?

THAT SOUNDS PRETTY CREEPY...

BUT WE'RE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS HERE, RIGHT?

I MADE HIM THE HEAD OF A NEW UNIT FOCUSED ON HEALING CALLED **PRAYER**.

I HOPE THAT OTHERS WITH A SIMILAR APTITUDE MIGHT APPEAR.

HEY, HOBU SEI-SAN,

*Hob-goblin Sei

WAIT, THAT'S NOT RIGHT... THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP.

I'll make some gifts for you guys later!

WITH THESE FOUR, THE NUMBER OF HOBGOBLINS UNDER ME HAVE SWELLED TO TWELVE.

HUH?

SECONDLY, WHEN HOBU SEI AWOKE THIS MORNING, SHE FOUND THAT SHE HAD ALSO RANKED-UP.

Heeh

How do I look?

Twirl

Twirl

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE MY LAST RANK-UP.

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO...

HOW ABOUT EXPLAINING YOUR CHANGE IN APPEARANCE?

IT SEEMS TO BE A CLASS THAT ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF MONSTERS OF THE MAGICAL PERSUASION CAN REACH.

HALF-SPELL LORD

RANK UP

HOBGOBLIN-MAGE

SHE HAD EVOLVED INTO A TYPE OF 'LORD': A HALF-SPELL LORD.

BUT I AM PERPLEXED ABOUT ONE THING...

HALF-SPELL LORDS SHOULD NOT HAVE MARKINGS LIKE THESE...

BUT I FEEL AS THOUGH THEY ARE OVERFLOWING WITH POWER.

So it's not a bad thing

RUNNING DOWN HER ARMS WERE PATTERNS THAT LOOKED SIMILAR TO, YET FELT EERILY DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN TATTOOS.

I'LL JUST USE MY MAGIC TO TORTURE THEM TO DEATH BEFORE THEY CAN EVEN GET CLOSE.

THEY FOCUS ON PERFECTING THEIR MAGICAL ARTS, SO THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS MUCH LOWER THAN THAT OF OTHER MONSTERS, BUT...

...SHE SAYS.

YET, AN EXTRAORDINARY NUMBER OF GOBLINS FROM MY GENERATION HAVE ALREADY EVOLVED.

IT USUALLY TAKES NORMAL GOBLINS MANY YEARS TO RANK-UP TO HOBGOBLINS.

...BUT GOBLIN GRANDPA HAD SAID IT BEFORE,

LET'S GO FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW POWERFUL I'VE BECOME!

RIGHT NOW

I'VE GOT ALL THIS PENT-UP MAGICAL ENERGY.

GOBUROU, WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT FOR?!

NOW, IF I WERE TO FORM A POTHESIS OUT THIS PRECE- ENTED CURENCE...

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS? I CAN'T TURN HER DOWN...

UHMM...

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